



**CITY OF GREENSBORO
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***CITY URGES PREPAREDNESS IN ANTICIPATION OF SEVERE WEATHER
City Crews Remain on Standby***

GREENSBORO, NC (August 13, 2004) – The City of Greensboro reminds residents of the potential for strong winds and torrential rains in Guilford County as remnants of Hurricane Charley pass through North Carolina on Saturday afternoon. The Piedmont Triad area will be under a flash flood alert starting at 5 pm today until 10 pm Saturday. Rainfall totals are expected to reach 3” to 6” on Saturday with the worst weather occurring between the hours of 2 and 4 pm.

City officials met early today to review emergency response procedures and numerous City departments will remain on call throughout the entire weekend. Plans are in place for debris removal from roads if necessary.

Residents should take proactive measures and be aware of the following:

- Have 72 hour disaster supplies on hand, including:
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Portable battery-operated radio and extra batteries
 - First-aid kit
 - Emergency food and water
 - Non-electric can opener
 - Essential medicines
 - Cash and credit cards
- Do not drive or wade through moving water. It only takes two feet of water to carry away a car and six inches of swiftly moving water to sweep a person off his or her feet.
- Do not touch downed power lines or attempt to move them. Contact Duke Power at 1-800-POWERON (1-800-769-3766) for English or 1-866-4APAGON (1-866-427-2466) para Español.
- Most homeowners policies do not cover damage from the flooding that accompanies a hurricane or storm.
- Companies with large, flat roofs should clean gutters and remove debris to ensure the proper drainage of excess water.
- In the event that you need shelter, contact the American Red Cross, 1500 Yanceyville Street, at 333-2111 or www.redcross.org.

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The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to build an increased quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment where inclusion, diversity, and trust are valued. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City of Greensboro is governed by a council-manager form of government where a mayor and eight council members act as the legislative body. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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